

CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
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SUBJECT: PLANTING OF TREES ON CITY STREETS
POLICY NO.: 200-05
EFFECTIVE DATE: November 15, 1993

PURPOSE:

To establish guidelines for the planting and removal of trees from the street rights-of-way.

POLICY:

A. General Policy

1. The primary purpose of a street tree planting shall be to improve the environment of the City as a whole.
2. It is the policy of the City to encourage the planting of additional and replacement trees in the street rights-of-way and to render such assistance as is feasible.
3. When funds are available for tree planting, it is the policy of the City to plant additional trees in the street rights-of-way and to replace trees that are removed in accordance with the City policy for the removal of trees from the street rights-of-way.

B. Operating Policy

1. Planting and Maintenance of Street Trees
 - a. The Park and Recreation Department shall specify or approve the species and locations of trees to be planted in the street rights-of-way in accordance with the standards and criteria in the City's Landscape Technical Manual.
 - b. No fees will be charged by the Park and Recreation Department for permits for street tree planting.
 - c. After planting of a tree in the street right-of-way, the owner of the adjacent property shall be responsible for watering and fertilizing unless an assessment district has been formed to provide the required landscape maintenance.
 - d. The Park and Recreation Department shall be responsible for trimming street trees as required for public safety unless an assessment district has been formed to

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provide the required landscape maintenance.

2. Removal of Street Trees

- a. Street trees shall be removed at public expense if they meet any one of the following criteria:
 - (1) The Tree is dead.
 - (2) The tree is a hazard.
 - (3) The tree is damaging public improvements, the damage cannot be permanently corrected by trimming or root pruning, the owner of the fronting property requests removal, and the tree is not part of a uniform tree planting or a significant neighborhood asset.
- b. A no-fee permit to remove a street tree at private expense shall be issued if both of these criteria are met:
 - (1) The owner of a fronting property requests the permit.
 - (2) The tree is not part of a uniform street tree planting or a significant neighborhood asset.

HISTORY:

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